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The Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement reported through REP. HADDAD of the 54th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10a-17 of the 2018 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 The Office of Higher Education shall [(a)] (1) be responsible for
5 obtaining information on new programs and methods of education
6 that are being developed in the public schools and colleges of the state
7 and nation, keeping such records current and publicizing information
8 concerning these programs; and [(b)] (2) encourage and aid in the
9 development of new and improved programs and methods of
10 education in order to recruit, prepare and train or retrain personnel
11 needed in such programs.

12 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10a-55w of the 2018 supplement to
13 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
14 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

15 (a) The Office of Higher Education shall publish on its Internet web
16 site, links to the existing transfer and articulation programs developed
17 between the Connecticut state colleges and universities and The
18 University of Connecticut. Each institution within the jurisdiction of
19 the constituent units shall include on its Internet web site a link to the
20 [Officer] Office of Higher Education's Internet web site and provide
21 information regarding such transfer and articulation programs. Each
22 institution of higher education in this state, receiving federal funding
23 pursuant to the Higher Education Act of 1965, shall provide on its
24 Internet web site a link to the institution's most recent institutional
25 profile provided on the National Center for Education Statistic's
26 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Internet web site.

27 Sec. 3. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-95h of the 2018
28 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
29 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

30 (2) The superintendent of the Technical Education and Career
31 System shall submit the following to the joint standing committees of
32 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
33 education, higher education and employment advancement and labor:
34 (A) Information ensuring that the curriculum of the Technical
35 Education and Career System is incorporating those workforce skills
36 that will be needed for the next thirty years, as identified by the Labor
37 Commissioner in subdivision (1) of this subsection, into the technical
38 education and career schools; (B) information regarding the
39 employment status of students who graduate from or complete an
40 approved program of study at the Technical Education and Career
41 System, including, but not limited to: (i) Demographics such as age
42 and gender, (ii) course and program enrollment and completion, (iii)
43 employment status, and (iv) wages prior to enrolling and after
44 graduating; (C) an assessment of the adequacy of the resources

45 available to the Technical Education and Career System as the system
46 develops and refines programs to meet existing and emerging
47 workforce needs; (D) recommendations to the Technical Education and
48 Career System board to carry out the provisions of subparagraphs (A)
49 to (C), inclusive, of this subdivision; (E) information regarding staffing
50 at each technical education and career school for the current academic
51 year academic year; and (F) information regarding the transition
52 process of the Technical Education and Career System as an
53 independent agency, including, but not limited to, the actions taken by
54 the Technical Education and Career System board and the
55 superintendent to create a budget process and maintain programmatic
56 consistency for students enrolled in the technical education and career
57 system. The superintendent [Technical Education and Career System]
58 shall collaborate with the Labor Commissioner to obtain information
59 as needed to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

60 Sec. 4. Subparagraph (C) of subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of
61 section 10a-109n of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is
62 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
63 *1, 2018*):

64 (C) Any administrative action taken by any commissioner in
65 connection with any project may be appealed by an aggrieved party to
66 the superior court for the judicial district of New Britain in accordance
67 with the provisions of section 4-183, except as otherwise provided in
68 sections 10a-109a to 10a-109y, inclusive. Such appeal shall be brought
69 within ten days of the date of mailing to the parties to the proceeding
70 of a notice of such order, decision or action by certified mail, return
71 receipt requested, and the appellant shall serve a copy of the appeal on
72 each party listed in the final decision at the address shown in such
73 decision. Failure to make such service within such ten days on parties
74 other [then] than the commissioner who rendered the final decision
75 may not, in the discretion of the court, deprive the court of jurisdiction
76 over such appeal. Within ten days after the service of such appeal, or
77 within such further time as may be allowed by the court, the
78 commissioner which rendered such decision shall cause any portion of

79 the record that had not been transcribed to be transcribed and shall
80 cause either the original or a certified copy of the entire record of the
81 proceeding appealed from to be transmitted to the reviewing court.
82 Such record shall include the commissioner's findings of fact and
83 conclusions of law, separately stated. If more than one commissioner
84 has jurisdiction over the matter, such commissioners shall issue joint
85 findings of fact and conclusions of law. Such appeal shall state the
86 reasons upon which it is predicated and, notwithstanding any
87 provisions of the general statutes to the contrary, shall not stay the
88 development of any project. The commissioner which rendered such
89 decision shall appear as the respondent. Such appeals to the superior
90 court shall each be privileged matters and shall be heard as soon after
91 the return date as practicable. A court shall render its decision not later
92 than twenty-one days after the date that the entire record, with the
93 transcript, is filed with the court by the commissioner who rendered
94 the decision.

95 Sec. 5. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 10a-173 of the
96 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
97 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

98 (4) "Public institution of higher education" means the constituent
99 units of the state system of higher education identified in subdivisions
100 (1) [to (4), inclusive,] and (2) of section 10a-1;

101 Sec. 6. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 10a-11b of the 2018
102 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
103 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

104 (2) The following persons shall serve as ex-officio nonvoting
105 members on the commission: (A) The Commissioner of Education, the
106 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development and the
107 Labor Commissioner, or their designees; (B) the president of the
108 Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, or the president's
109 designee; (C) a member of the State Board of Education, as designated
110 by the chairperson of the state board; (D) the superintendent of the
111 technical high school system, or the superintendent's designee; (E) the

112 chief executive officer of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, or the
 113 chief executive officer's designee; (F) the executive director of the
 114 Office of Higher Education; (G) the chairpersons and ranking members
 115 of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
 116 cognizance of matters relating to higher education and employment
 117 advancement; and (H) the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
 118 Management, or the secretary's designee.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10a-17
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10a-55w(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10-95h(b)(2)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10a-109n(e)(4)(C)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10a-173(a)(4)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	10a-11b(a)(2)

HED *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill does not result in a fiscal impact as it makes various technical and grammatical changes to the statutes concerning higher education.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill makes various technical and grammatical changes to the statutes concerning higher education.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018, except the renumbering of the Office of Higher Education's responsibilities for education research and program development in the state's public higher education system (§ 1) takes effect upon passage.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/06/2018)